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LASSIE COME HOME

By **Eric Knight**

After reading "Lassie Come Home" I am very glad I did so, for never have I read a more engaging dog story. Lassie, a beautiful collie, lives in a small village not unlike the one you saw in the motion picture "How Green Was My Valley." This village had always been known for its fine dog breeding, but it was said that Lassie was the best all round dog they had ever seen.

The plot begins when Lassie's master, Little Joe, has to sell Lassie to a rich Duke that lives nearby. When the Duke takes Lassie to his estate five hundred miles away from Little Joe's home, Lassie decides that she must return to her master, come what may. And the remainder of the book is about how that dog, guided only by its instinct, traveled through thick and thin to be with its master. The tale ends happily and there is nothing more to be said except:

Thank you, Eric Knight, for those enjoyable hours reading a book I will never forget.

This review of *Lassie Come Home* was written by Miriam Sandberg, of New York City, and was selected as the winner of the \$5.00 award. A check has been sent to Miriam. Other fine reviews were written by:

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SUPERMAN'S SECRET MESSAGE

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JWM KXWMB!**

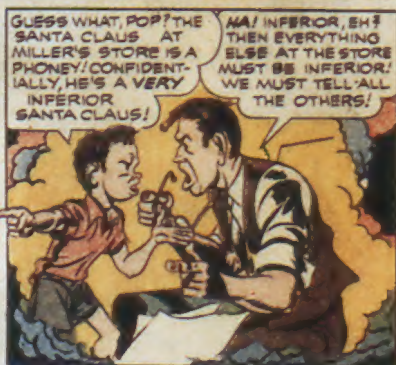


WHO'D EVER SUSPECT SANTA CLAUS OF BEING THE TOOL OF THE RUTHLESS UNDERWORLD? WHO'D EVER DREAM THAT THE MERRY, KINDLY, OLD BEWHISKERED GENT WOULD BE CONNECTED WITH CUNNING, CONNING CROOKS? APPARENTLY NOBODY! THAT IS... NOBODY EXCEPT THAT NOCTURNAL NEMESIS OF CRIME... SANDMAN... WHO RIDES THE DARK OF NIGHT ALONG WITH HIS GALLANT COMPANION, SANDY, THE GOLDEN BOY... TO ROUT OUT EVIL AND INJUSTICE!! BUT IT TAKES SOME FAST THINKING AND FASTER ACTION BEFORE THE PHANTOM PAIR CAN SET THINGS RIGHT FOR A MERRY YULETIDE!

by JOE SIMON
and
JACK KIRBY

**YOU WOULDN'T
THINK A LITTLE
THING LIKE A
LOBSTER**

COULD HAVE
ANYTHING TO DO
WITH PLUNDER
PLANS... WOULD YOU?
...BUT IT DOES!!
AND ALL BECAUSE
OLD F.P. MILLER,
THE DEPARTMENT
STORE TYCOON, LIKES
IT... BUT CAN'T
EAT IT WITHOUT
DIRE EFFECTS!



YES...OF SUCH DREAMS ARE STORIES MADE...FOR TWO OTHER GENTLEMEN ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN THE SANTA CLAUS SITUATION, BUT FROM A MORE PRACTICAL VIEWPOINT THAN A DREAM!

BOSS, I HAVE A TERRIFIC IDEA! WE'RE GOING INTO THE SANTA CLAUS BUSINESS!



SANTA CLAUS? ARE YOU CRAZY? THERE IS NO SANTA CLAUS! AND WHO ARE YOU TO TELL ME WE'RE GOING INTO A BUSINESS?

THE IDEA BOUNCED ON ME THIS AFTERNOON WHILE I WAS DOING A LITTLE SHOPPING! MILLER'S DEPARTMENT STORE HAS A POOR SANTA CLAUS!

SO WHAT? MAYBE IT'S THE WAGES THAT SKINFUNT MILLER PAYS HIM!



SANTA CAN HELP US REAP A FORTUNE! LISTEN...

FORTUNE? NOW YOU'RE TALKING MY LANGUAGE! SPILL IT, SLICKY...



THE NEXT MORNING, A SMOOTH-TALKING YOUNG MAN BREEZES INTO F. P. MILLER'S PRIVATE OFFICE...

THERE YOU ARE, F.P.--MY NAME IS SMOOTHIE! I WANT TO SEE YOU ABOUT BUSINESS...YOUR BUSINESS!

MY BUSINESS IS TERRIBLE...AND HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE, ANYWAY?



I HAVE A REAL LIVE-WIRE SANTA FOR YOU...AND WITH MY ORGANIZATION TO PROMOTE HIM, AND YOUR STORE...YOU'LL BE IN BIG MONEY QUICKER THAN YOU CAN SAY BANKRUPTCY!

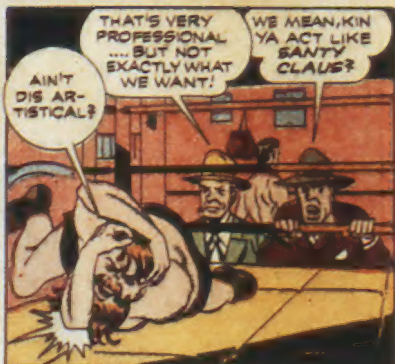
DON'T SAY THAT WORD!! SON...YOUR PROPOSITION INTERESTS ME!



I'LL GIVE YOU A TWO WEEK TRIAL!

WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE? BUSINESS IS SO BAD, IT COULDN'T GET WORSE!





AND
THUS IT
IS THAT
SEVERAL
DAYS
LATER,
TWO
FAMILIAR
FIGURES
PAUSE
IN FRONT
OF
MILLER'S
STORE...



THIS MAY SOUND
SILLY... BUT SANTA'S
FACE IS VERY
FAMILIAR!

OF COURSE...
EVERYONE
RECOGNIZES
SANTA! WE'D
BETTER GET TO
OUR CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING!

THE KIDS OF SUICIDE SLIM
ARE FIRST ON OUR LIST...
LET'S START AT THE TOY
DEPARTMENT!



AN' WOT IS YOUR
NAME, ME LITTLE MAN?
I SHALL WRITE IT IN
ME VISITIN' BOOK...

IT IS PETER
ALOYSIUS
VANDERSILT
THE THIRD!

DON'T YOU THINK
HE'S THE IDEAL
SANTA, YOUNG
MAN?

HE SEEMS TO
FILL THE BILL...

HE
LOOKS
KINDA
MUSCLE-
BOUND!
I'VE GOT
IT... THAT'S
MOUNTAIN-
MAN
BEARDS!
WHAT'S HE
DOING
HERE?

Will you be
the Lucky
Child? Will
Santa visit you
in person?

THE TOYS ARE
ALL ORDERED!
SAY, DOESN'T
SANTA LOOK
ELEGANT IN
HIS COSTUME?

SPEAKING OF
COSTUMES, SANDY...
WE'D BETTER
SLIP INTO OURS...
BUT PRONTO!

OUTSIDE... TWO FAMOUS CRIME BUSTERS QUICKLY
CHANGE INTO THEIR CRUISING CLOAKS---

WHAT'S THIS
ALL ABOUT?

WHEN THE STORE CLOSSES IN A
FEW MINUTES, WE'RE GOING
TO FOLLOW SANTA... AND I'M
SURE HE WON'T LEAD US TO
THE NORTH POLE!



LATER, AS THE PONDEROUS BEARDS LUMBERS DOWN THE RAPIDLY DARKENING STREETS, TWO PHANTOM FIGURES SKYROCKET OVER THE ROOFTOPS STALKING THEIR PREY...



HE MUST BE HEADING FOR THAT LIGHTED ROOM!

IT'S A CINCH! A TOUCH OF THE WIRE-POON GUN'S TRIGGER, AND...



AND WE'RE ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN!



BUT INSIDE, SANDMAN AND SANDY SEE...

THAT YOU, MAX? DON'T ASK QUESTIONS, BUT SMOOTHE WANTS ALL D'BOYS TA SHOP AT MILLER'S... AN' HE DON'T MEAN SHOPLIFTIN'!

TH' HAND-BILLS'RE READY, BOSS...



SANDMAN! LOOK!!

DESE ARE BEING T'ROWN ALL OVER TOWN BY SOME O' TH' BOYS!

Buy at MILLER'S
The Best XMAS GOODS in the City!



IF YOUSE WANTS DE BEST FER DE LEAST--DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT MILLER'S!



THIS GANG ISN'T DOING ANYTHING CROOKED...THEY'RE JUST BUILDING UP A LEGITIMATE BUSINESS...

THERE'S MORE HERE THAN MEETS THE EYE...OR EAR! WE'LL JUST STAND BY TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS!



THE DAUNTLESS DUC WORK
PATIENTLY IN HIDING UNTIL...
THERE THEY GO, SANDY!
GET OUT YOUR WIREPOON
GUN...WE'RE GOING TO
FOLLOW THEM!



WHIPPING THROUGH THE
HOWLING NIGHT, THE PHANTOM
PAIR STREAK THROUGH THE
CITY IN SWIFT PURSUIT!

THEY'RE STOPPING AT THE
VANDERGILT MANSION---
AND THERE GOES BEARDE
TO THE DOOR!



LIKE I PROMISED,
PETE... HERE I AM
WIT' DE GIFTS
YER OLD MAN
BOU--- I MEAN,
YA WANTED!

WELCOME,
SANTA... I
THOUGHT
IT WAS YOU!
THAT'S WHY
I SENT THE
SERVANTS
UPSTAIRS!



OUTA DE WAY,
BRAT--DIS IS A
STICK-UP!

YA CAN'T
OO DIS! YA
DIDN'T
TELL ME!

SHUT YER
TRAP... YA
CANVAS-
BACKED
GORILLA!



BUT TWO FIGURES OF STEEL PAY A
LITTLE VISIT OF THEIR OWN...

I'LL TAKE THAT
BOOK OF SANTA'S
VISITING LIST...
IF YOU DON'T
MIND!

HERE'S MY
CALLING
CARD! PICK
ON LITTLE KID'S,
WILL YA?



LET'S GET OUTA
HERE...THESE
GUYS ARE
DYNAMITE!

YEAH! SANDMAN HAS
TH' BOOK, SO WE'LL
HEAD FER DE BIG
HAUL AN' FERGET
DE LITTLE FRY! GIT
GOIN' BEARDE!

POOR
KID...
IS HE
HURT?



THE KID'S JUST
SHAKEN UP! HE'LL
BE ALL RIGHT!

THE SERVANTS
CAN TAKE CARE OF
HIM NOW...WE'VE
GOT TO GET THOSE
GANGSTERS!



MEANWHILE AT MILLER'S
DEPARTMENT STORE THE NIGHT
WATCHMAN HEARS A KNOCK
AT THE DOOR...

CAN'T STAY AWAY FROM THE
STORE, EH, SANTA? COME TO
SPEND CHRISTMAS
WITH OLD WALT?



DIS IS EASERIN
I THOUGHT!
SANTA CLAUS
GET'S US INTO
THE STORE!

POOR WALT!
IF YOU'VE
HOIT HIM--

SHADDUP
CHUMP, OR
DIS ROSCOE'LL
SHUT YA!



BUT NO ONE KNOWS THEN
ARE ON THE TRA...

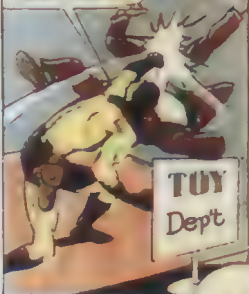
MIND FWE JOIN
YOUR CHRISMAS
BLOWOUT BOYS?



BLOW DAT
SAFE QUICK!
I'LL TAKE
CARE O
THEM!



HERE'S YOUR
CHRISTMAS
PRESENT! YOU
DESERVED IT!



SO SORRY... BUT YOU
DIDN'T PUT YOUR HAND
OUT ON THAT TURN,
YOU KNOW!



TOY
Dept

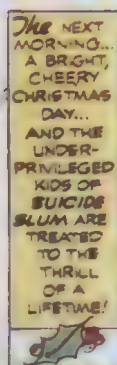
AN' I'M
PITCHIN'!

OW!

I DON'T LIKE THIS
GAME SANDMAN!
LET'S PLAY BALL!
I'M AT BAT!

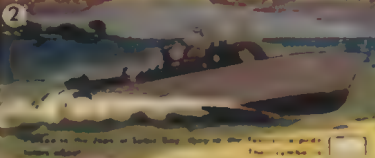






HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR WAR WEAPONS?

See how many of these famous symbols you can write in the blank spaces under the pictures.



What is the name of this ship? Write in the blank space.

Answer: _____



What is the name of this plane? Write in the blank space.

Answer: _____



What is the name of this plane? Write in the blank space.

Answer: _____



What is the name of this tank? Write in the blank space.

Answer: _____

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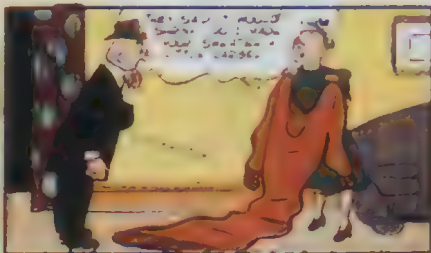
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STARMAN

WARNING BY HOROSCOPE, JIM HART'S
LIFE STANDS AT THE CROSSROADS. THE
STAR FORETELL HIS FUTURE. BUT THE FUTURE
HE LOVES AND THE INVENTION ON WHICH
HE HAS LABORED FOR YEARS. CAN
STARMAN MAKE HIM ACKNOWLEDGE
THE MISTAKE HE MAKES WHEN JIM
WANTS TO

• HITCH A WAGON TO THE STARS?

BY
HOLTON
and
EDWARDS



THE JAMES EARL RAY
BANK VICTORY



AT HARVEY'S LAKE,
IN AUGUST 1976, A
CANOE TURNS TURTLE



SUDDENLY A BROWN HAND GRABS HIM,
LIFTS HIM CLEAR HIS TORTURED MOUTH
GAGGS FOR AIR..



DO YOU KNOW THAT ALL YOUR
LIFE DEPENDS ON WHAT THE STARS
PORTELL FOR YOU?
THEY MAKE OR
BREAK YOU. 21!

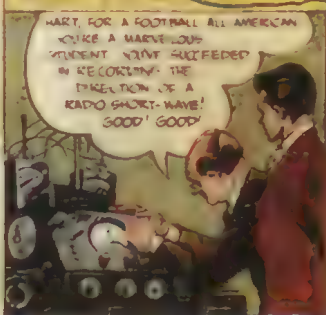


THE INCIDENT AT HARVEY'S LAKE HAS NEVER BEEN FORGOTTEN BY
BOUNCE AND HART. EVEN TEN YEARS LATER HE STILL REMEMBERS



I'LL RUN WILD TODAY
GRIFFIN IS HATED
JUST ENOUGH FOR A GAME
(SEE THIS)

ON THE PHYSICS LABORATORY HE IS AS
BRILLIANT AS ON THE FIELD



HART, FOR A FOOTBALL ALL AMERICAN
YOU'RE A MARVELOUS
STUDENT. YOU'VE SUCCEEDED
IN RECORDING THE
DIRECTION OF A
RADIO SHORT-WAVE!
GOOD! GOOD!

I WORKED THAT WHEN MY
DAD SAID TO ME
HART WAS A SUCCESSFUL



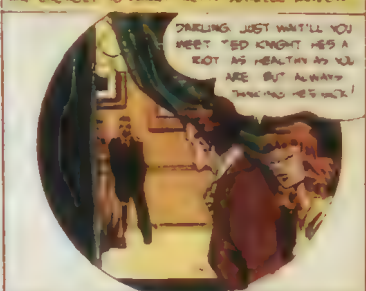
ARE YOU
SERIOUS,
HART?

WAS BETTER. SURELY, IN
MY OWN MIND, I WOULD
THAT YOU
HELP ME
IN THAT



IT WORKED
OUT FOR ME
ALL RIGHT
WHAT MORE
CAN I ASK?

WAS BETTER. SURELY, IN
MY OWN MIND, I WOULD
THAT YOU
HELP ME
IN THAT



DARLING, JUST WAIT! YOU
MEET TED KNIGHT. HE'S A
BOY AS HEALTHY AS YOU
ARE. BUT ALWAYS
THINKING HE'S BACK!

IT'S YOUR HOROSCOPE
THAT'S WHAT
CAUSES YOUR
MISFORTUNES.
LET ME
CAST YOU
A NEW
ONE



HOROSCOPE
ON YOU
WEAN THOSE
STARS AND
THINGS?

I DO WISH JIM WOULD
FORGET THAT NONSENSE!

JUST AS I
TOLD YOU
SOMEBODY HE
WANTS A
RAT ON THAT
SUBJECT!
MILKING HIS
LIFE TO A
STAR! BWA!



NORWOOD JIM
WANT THAT
FAN LONE
HE'S DETESTABLE
ABOUT!

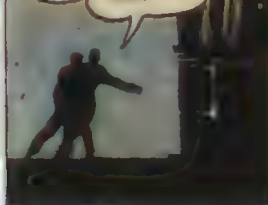
IS HE? THEN ASK HIM
TO MARRY YOU BEFORE
JULY. HIS DAD SAYS
TO MARRY IN JULY



NO I
DON'T
BELIEVE
YOU!

MEANWHILE, TED KNIGHT AND JIM WAST FIND THEIR BELIEFS ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE FENCE

THE GIRLS'LL SHOOT ME FOR DREAMING YOU MIGHT WIN WITH ME, BUT I INTEND TO PROVE HOW WRONG YOU ARE. STARS ARE SUNS LIKE OURS, MILLION MILES AWAY!



TO THINK THAT THOSE BURNING GLOVES CAN INFLUENCE YOUR OR ANYONE ELSE'S LIFE IS KIDCULOUS. COME, I'LL SHOW YOU



IN HIS PRIVATE OBSERVATORY, ANOTHER ASTRONOMER TED KNIGHT CONCLUDES HIS LECTURE

YES, BUT I DON'T CONVINCE ME! EVERYTHING I'VE EVER DONE OCCURRED WHEN SIRIUS WAS IN CONJUNCTION. WHY I'VE STOPPED WORK ON MY INVENTION JUST NOW. AS FOR THE EIGHT THING TO RESUME!

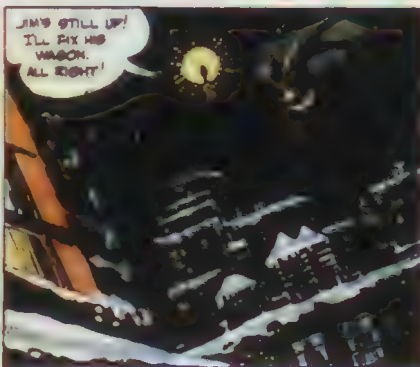
SEE WHAT I MEAN?



LATE THAT NIGHT, A POWERFUL BEING GAINS ITSELF IN BRILLIANT GOLD AND SCARLET...



I'VE FAILED TO CONVINCE HIM AS TED KNIGHT, BUT I'M GOING TO SUCCEED AS STARKMAN!



JIM'S STILL UP! I'LL FIX HIS WAGON. ALL RIGHT!

A HYSTERICAL VOICE BRINGS HIM TO A HALT



THEN MARRY YOUR OLD SIRIUS! YOU WON'T MARRY ME! TAKE YOUR RING BACK!

BUT THAT'S THE BEST TIME TO MARRY, SIRIUS SAYS SO!

UNNOTICED THE PLATONIAN ENGAGEMENT RING LAYS WITH A SHARP CRACKLE ON THE RANGE FINDER ROD OF THE SUB-MARINE DETECTOR







I'M SICK AND
Tired OF THIS
NONSENSE
HERE GO THOSE
HOROSCOPES
IN FLAMES!

STOP! STOP! YOU CAN'T DO
THIS I'VE SPENT YEARS ON
THOSE!



MEANWHILE WHEN HE SAW
THE CAR NORWOOD CAN'T SWITCHES
ON A SHORT-WAVE RADIO SET



WHILE I'M PASSING THESE TO THE
NAVY REFLECT THE INSTRUMENTS!
IS THERE SOMETHING THAT WAS
WAITING SINCE YOU THOUGHT IT
WOULD WORK YOU OUGHT TO
KNOW IT

WHAT? THE
THE



I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! MY
STILL PREDICTED FAILURE, AND
NOW I'VE SUCCEEDED! EITHER
I'M RIGHT OR...I'VE BEEN A
FOOL ALL MY LIFE!



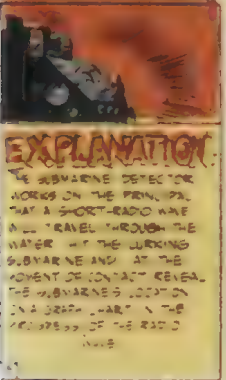
BUT I'LL FIND OUT ONCE
AND FOR ALL!
I'LL GIVE IT A
TRY WITHOUT
MY HOROSCOPES
TO GUIDE
ME!

NO! NO! RE-
TALKING!



A CLOSING EXAMINATION OF THE
INTER-CASE APPARATUS REVEALS
THE ENGINEERING END

ROBELLER END SURE THE
PLAINLY IN THIS ESTABLISHED A
CONTACT WITH THE LEADEN WARD!
THAT GAVE ME A SPRINGBOARD
FOR THE SHORT-WAVE RADIO
WOMAN
I HEAT
OUT



EXPLANATION

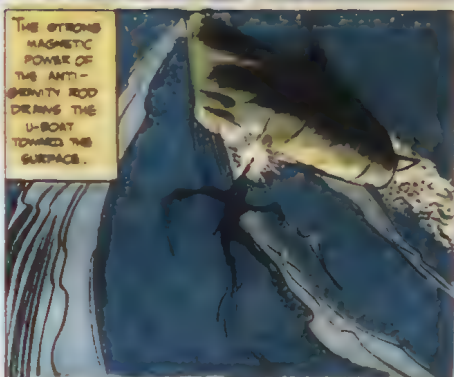
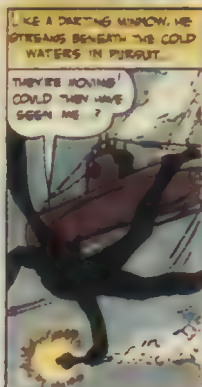
THE SUBMARINE DETECTOR
WORKS ON THE PRINCIPLE
THAT A SHORT-RADIO WAVE
WILL TRAVEL THROUGH THE
WATER HIT THE LURKING
SUBMARINE AND AT THE
MOMENT OF CONTACT REVEAL
THE SUBMARINE'S LOCATION
ON A GRAPH... PART OF THE
PROGRESS OF THE RADIO

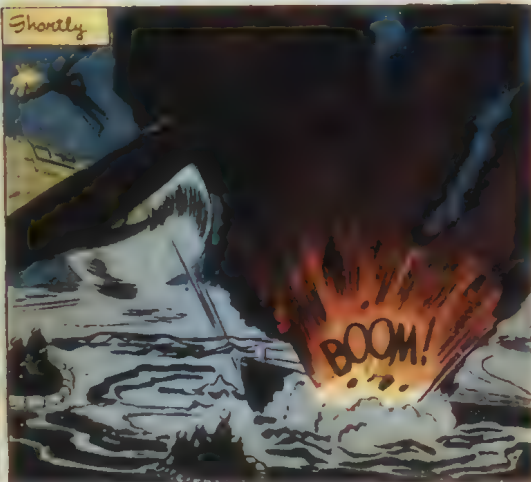
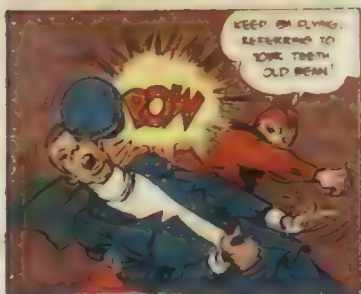
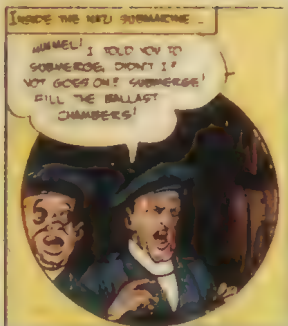


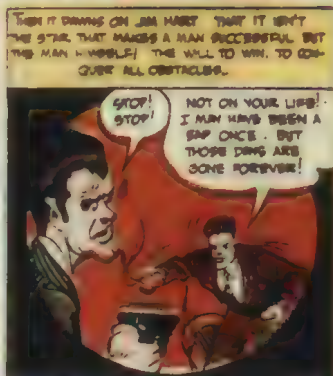
At this instant

THE INVENTION OF
A WIRELESS CAR
SOOT I YOU
ARE TALKING
TO THEM

WHY WHAT'S
THIS?







**THE
JUSTICE
SOCIETY
is
here!
again!**

NOW ON SALE EVERYWHERE!



**ANOTHER
COMPLETE
FULL-LENGTH
ADVENTURE**

**FEATURING ALL
YOUR FAVORITE
CHARACTERS**

**PROBLEM:
HOW TO FEED
THE HUNGERING
PATRIOTS IN
NAZI OCCUPIED
EUROPE AND
STILL KEEP
TOTALITARIANISM
UNDERNOURISHED!**

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SOCIETY DOES
IT IN THIS
NEW EXCITING
- ISSUE -**

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STARVING
PATRIOTS"**

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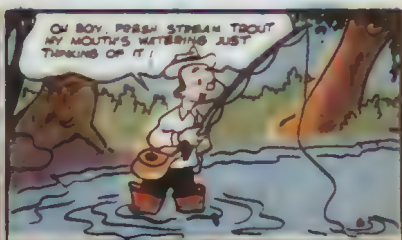
Tree Willie



LEADING №5
ON SALE DEC. 9TH

ALL GOING TO
TOWN TO -
GETHER IN ONE
TERRIFIC
FULL-LENGTH
ADVENTURE!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO STAND
ON YOUR HEAD TO REALIZE
THAT THIS MAGAZINE IS ABOUT
TOPS IN COMICS!... WITH YOUR
FIVE FAVORITE FEATURES.
GREEN ARROW, VIGILANTE,
STAR SPANGLED KID, CRIMSON
AVENGER AND SHINING KNIGHT!



The SHINING KNIGHT



OUT OF THE EAST COMES A STUDENT OF SORCERY WHO FALLS INTO THE HANDS OF HOOGLUMPH & RATTLE AFTER MIRACULOUS FLIGHTS FROM HIS FLASHING ENIGMA... AND THE TREACHEROUS THUGS... HE THEN FIGHTS WITH THE SHINING KNIGHT... THE SHINING KNIGHT, WHO IS A MAN OF THE EAST, IS THE SON OF THE SORCERER WHO HAS BEEN A WIZARD SINCE HE WAS A BOY. HE HAS BEEN TAUGHT THE ARTS OF MAGIC BY HIS FATHER, WHO HAS NEVER SEEN, AND SENDS HIM BACK TO HIS OWN LAND TO BECOME ONE MORE...

THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE

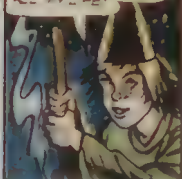


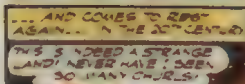
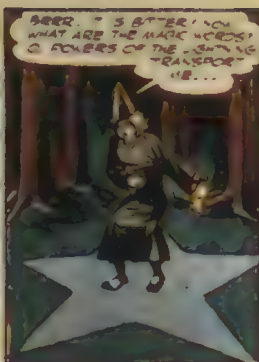
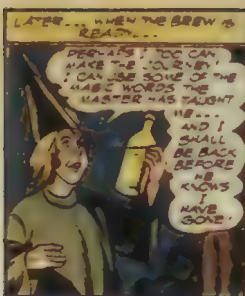
BY HIS TRAINING IN THE EAST, HE DECIDES TO Avenge a ROBERT, who was APPRENTICE TO A SORCERER, who is A RATHER CALM...

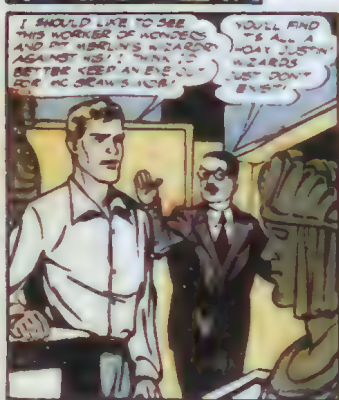
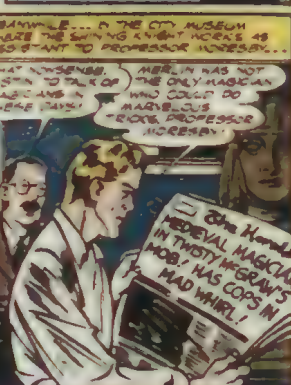
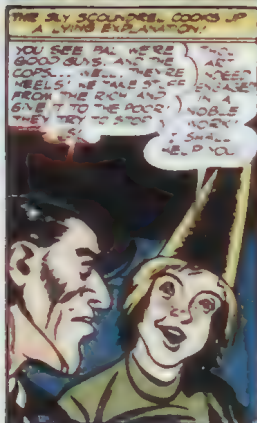
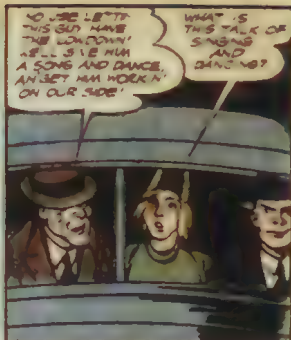
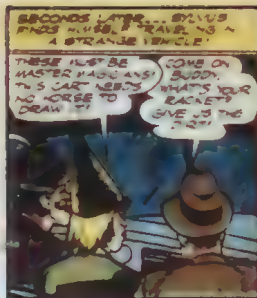
FOR NEW, WHOUS THE NAME BEEN, who ENABLE ME TO TRAVEL TO A FAR COUNTRY WITHOUT EFFORT.

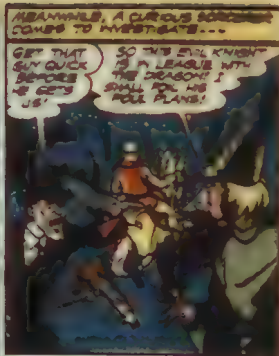


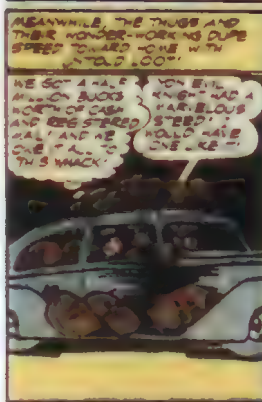
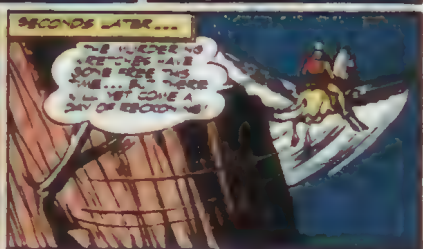
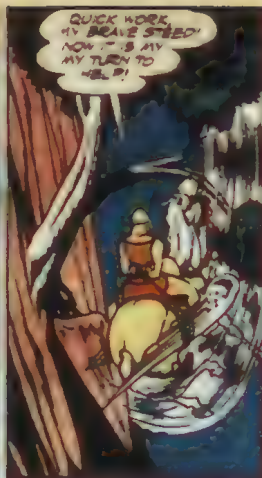
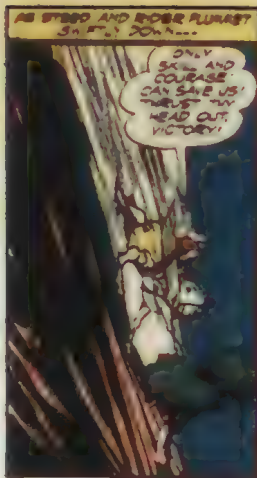
I WONDER TO WHAT COUNTRY THE MASTER I WOULD LIKE TO GO. THERE I AM TOLD OF TWO FORESTS, WHERE I HAVE LIVED ALL MY LIFE!











THE YOUNG WIZARD SEARCHES HIS
MEMORY FOR A HAZILY REMEMBERED
SPELL...

WOULD I COULD
RECALL THE SPELL...
THE MASTER TRIED
TO TEACH ME ON
CREATURE OF EARTH,
SPROUT WINGS!



BUT BECAUSE OF THE FLEETING MAGICIAN'S
IMPERFECT MEMORY...

ALAS,
I HAVE
FORGOTTEN
WHAT THE
MASTER TAUGHT!
AND COULD HE
SEE ME NOW,
HE WOULD BE
ASHAMED
OF ME!

"DOY"
WANT ANY
PART OF THAT
THREE-WINGED
NAG? HE FLIES
LIKE HE'D CRASH
ANY MINUTE!



LATER... SOME FADS - HIS
SELF ALONE - THE ROBBERS
DEN WHILE THE ROBBERIES ARE
AWAY FOR A MONTH OF REVENGE!



THEY HAVE
ORDER TO...
THEIR HEADS TO THE
MOUNTAIN...
THEY WOULD BE...
TO...
SUCH
GOOD
MEN



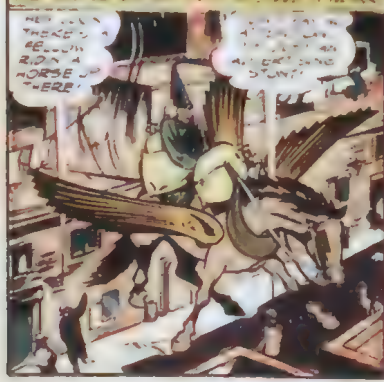
BUT WHAT'S THIS?
THEY HAVE FORGOTTEN
TO TAKE THE COINS WITH
THEM! ALAS, THE
NEED WILL
SUFFER!

THE SOFT-HEARTED SORCERER DECIDES
TO REMEDY THE OVERSIGHT!



THEY WILL
THANK ME FOR
REMOVING THAT
NEED HAVE
LEFT BEHIND!

IN THE "BEINGS POWER" SPELL, THE
THEY WOULD BE...
TO...
SUCH
GOOD
MEN



HEY, YOU
THINK I
REALLY
RIDE A
HORSE?
THERE!

HEY, YOU
THINK I
REALLY
RIDE A
HORSE?
THERE!

THE ANGRY MAN...
THEY WOULD BE...
TO...
SUCH
GOOD
MEN



HEY, YOU
THINK I
REALLY
RIDE A
HORSE?
THERE!

HEY, YOU
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HORSE?
THERE!

SOON, A STRUGGLING, SEETHING MOB SCRAMBLES DESPERATELY FOR THE SORCERER'S LARGESSE... WHO IS FROM THE DISTANCE AT AMAZED KNIGHT WATCHES!



ALAS, POOR FOLK. I HAVE NO MORE! BUT I SHALL RETURN WHEN NEXT WE ROB THE WICKED RICH!

ANOTHER WINGED HORSE! I WONDER WHAT THE SORCERER IS DOING HERE?

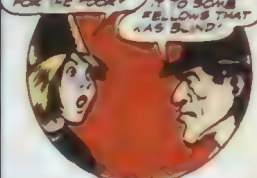
MORNING... AND TWENTY KISSAW, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS CRIMINAL CREW, LEARNS WHAT HAS HAPPENED!

THAT'S STRANGE! THE SORCERER HAS HIS GOOD SIDE TOO! HE FOLLOW HIM, SEE WHERE HE GOES... AND THEN WAIT FOR A CHANCE TO TEACH HIM A LESSON!

LET ME GET A THAT WHACK! HOLD YOUR HORSES, YOU GUYS. HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS DOING!

I UNDERSTAND AND NOT WHY THESE MEN ARE ANGRY. WAS NOT THE MONEY DESTINED FOR THE POOR?

SURE, PAL, BUT YOU HAVE TO BE THE WICKED POOR! HE WAS GOING TO GIVE IT TO SOME FELLOWS THAT WAS BLIND!



THEN MUST WE SECURE MORE WEALTH TO GIVE THEM.

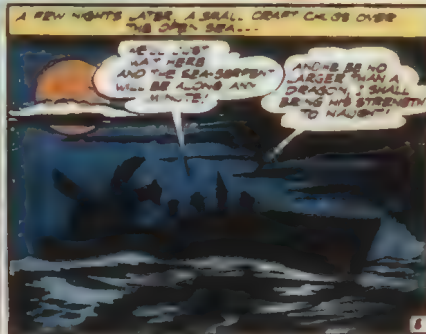
THAT'S RIGHT, BUT WE DON'T WANT TO TACKLE NO TRAINS! WE'VE DRAGONS, BECAUSE THE CHURCH IS RIGHT BUT NOT IN BUT IN SONNA LET YOU TAKE SOME DROUG AWAY FROM A SEA-SERPENT.

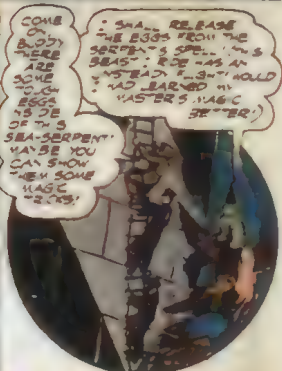
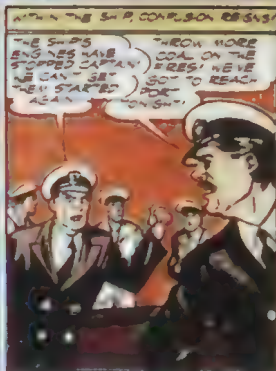
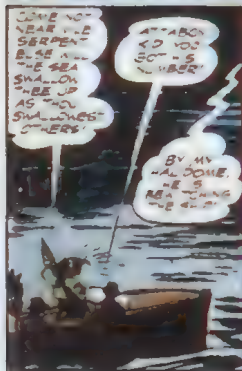


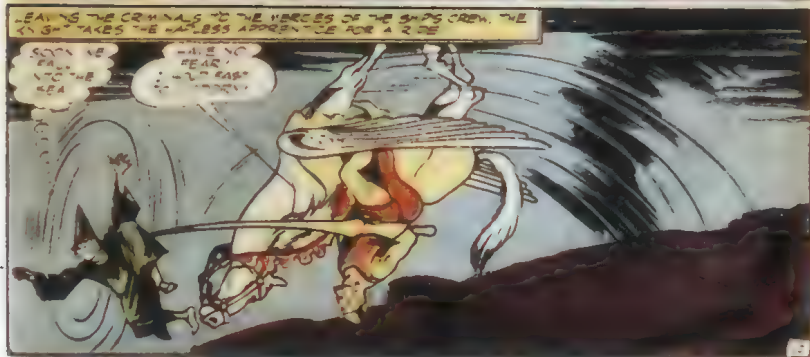
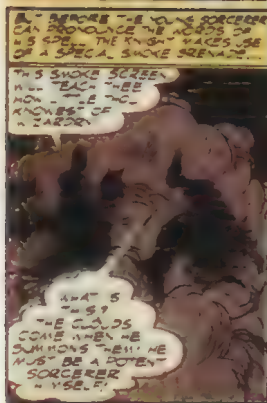
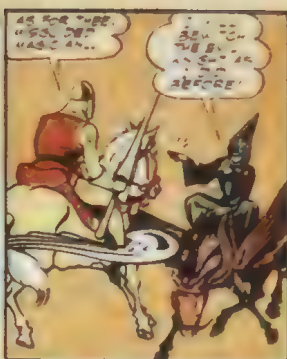
A FEW NIGHTS LATER, A SMALL CRAFT CROSSES OVER THE OPEN SEA...

WE'LL JUST WAIT HERE AND THE SEA-SERPENT WILL BE ALONG ANY MINUTE!

AND BE AS LARGE AS A DRAGON, I SHALL BEING HIS STRENGTH TO NAVIGATE!









BEHOLD THE WIZARDRY OF THIS SWORD!

IT SLASHES THROUGH WOOD AND METAL! TRULY HE IS MORE BATTERED THAN I AM!



YONDER IS A GREAT RISK MADE TO RLY BY WIZARDRY! CANST THOU DO AS MUCH?

LET US SPEED AWAY! LEST HE DEVOUR US!



REGARD YON FLAMING DRAGON! THEY ARE MORE FEARFUL THAN ANY DRAGON!

WOULD THAT HE WERE LOST! LET HIM GO, AND I WOULD RETURN TO MY OWN LAND!



YON SORCERER, THOU HAST SEEN STRONG WISDOM! TELL ME WHY THOU HAST AIDED THESE THIEVES TO COMMIT THEIR EVIL DEEDS?

THIEVES! THEY TOLD ME THEY WERE CHARITABLE MEN!



THE MISERABLE WASCAN EXPLAINS HOW HE HAS DECEIVED...

TRULY, SIR SORCERER, THOU ART INNOCENT AS A BABE! BUT I SHALL WARN THE MASTER AGAINST COMING HERE! HERE, A DRINK OF THIS POTENT BEER, AND THEN...



THE EARTH SHAKES ONCE MORE THE HEAVENS ROAR... AND THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE FINDS HIS... AGAIN IN HIS NATIVE FOREST!

SYLUS! WHERE HAST THOU BEEN?

TO A LAND OF FEARFUL WISDOM AND MASTER! I AM TO SEE NO MORE OF THE DRAGONS AND SEA-SERPENTS AND FLAMING BIRDS!

THANKS, SHINING KNIGHT! NOW ILL BE ABLE TO FLY TO TOWN WITHOUT USING GASOLINE!



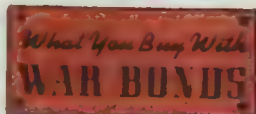
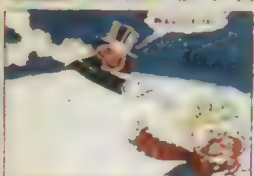
WHILE ON A LOVELY RAMP, THE KNIGHT RETURNS A STOLEN HORSE!

THOU ART FORTUNATE RATHER TO POSSESS A WINGED STEED IN TIMES LIKE THESE

THANKS, SHINING KNIGHT! NOW ILL BE ABLE TO FLY TO TOWN WITHOUT USING GASOLINE!

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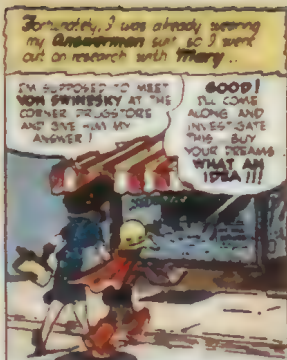
AN ANSWERS HOME-TOUCH-QUESTION
BUT THIS IS THE CASE OF A PROBLEM
HE NEVER SOLVED!

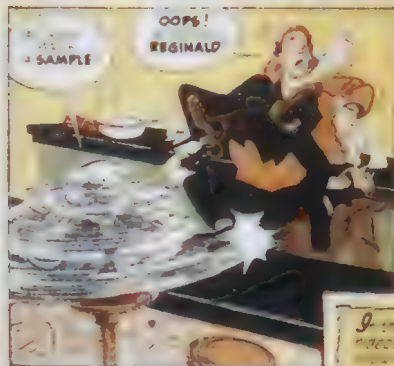
THE STORY IS SO STRANGE AND
BUT HE WAS NEVER GOING TO
LET THE ANSWERMAN TELL
HIM HOW TO GET THE WAY HE
WENT IN HIS DIARY AFTER
IT HAPPENED.

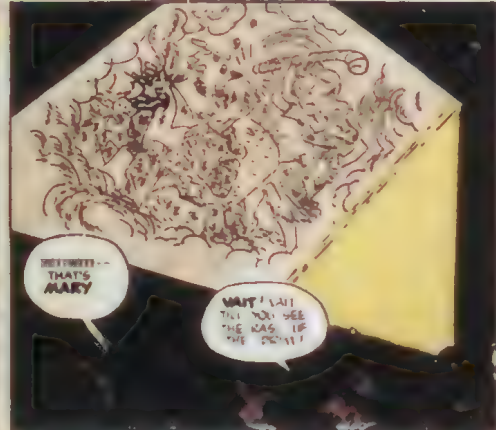
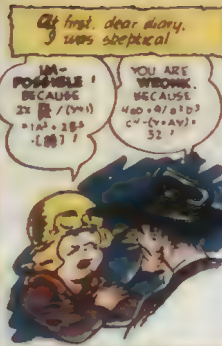
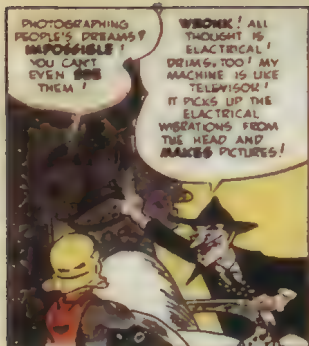
STRANGELY ENOUGH THE
ANSWERMAN HAD BEEN
A QUESTION.

"Did I ever see a
Dream Walking?"

Dear Diary I'm all mixed up
so I'm going to tell you exactly
what happened today.









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**YOUR SAVINGS SAY GET A MONEY
BY INVESTING IN GENERAL
WHAT IS A PROMISED AROUND
PEOPLE IN THESE IDEAS!
HE COVERED HIS IDEAS BY
BUYING THE DREAMS!**

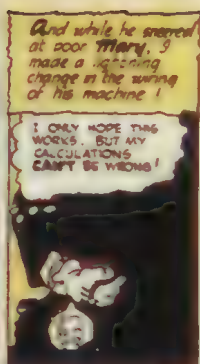


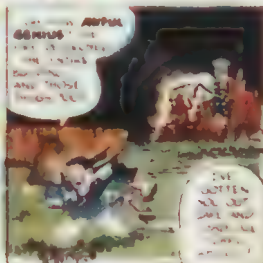
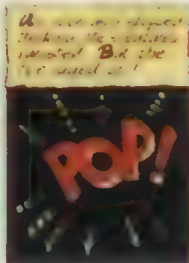
While we stared, the thugs
~~decided to leave us alone~~ and...
I can't go on, dear diary!

I GOT
DE
PRINCE,
ROMAN!

SHUGGS RICHARD!
I WISHED
JONESY!

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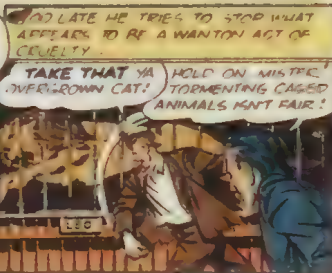
MEET THE ANIMAL KILLER...A FURTIVE HUNTERMAN WHO STALKS CAPTIVE JUNGLE BEASTS IN THE CITY ZOO...UNDER THE BIG TOP OF THE CIRCUS... IN THE PRIVATE MENAGERIES OF THE WEALTHY- TO FURTHER A FANTASTIC CRIMINAL PLOT! AND ONCE AGAIN THE LIFE OF MANHUNTER BECOMES THE STAKE IN A DESPERATE GAMBLE, AS THAT MASTER TRAILSMAN TURNING FROM THE PURSUIT OF FOUR-FOOTED CREATURES TO STALK A BRUTAL SLAYER, THROUGH A MAZE OF PERIL, SEEKS THE AMAZING EXPLANATION OF "THE ANIMAL MURDERS."



FROM
CLOVE
SA
LIFE
WELL
H. WHITE
IN RE
CAGE
TO THE
CITY
ZOO
TO THE
ZOO



CLAUDE RANSALL THE ZOO DIRECTOR
AND HE IF HE'S CHANGED
HIS MIND ABOUT BUYING
AND IN AFRICA AND
LEAVING THERE



TOO LATE HE TRIES TO STOP WHAT
APPEARS TO BE A WANTON ACT OF
CRUELTY

TAKE THAT YA HOLD ON MISTER!
OVERGROWN CAT! TORMENTING CAGED
ANIMALS KNT FAIR!

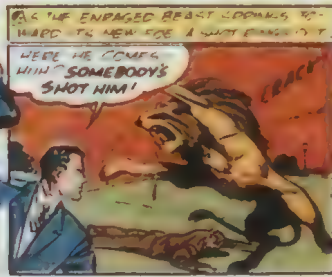


HELP!
SAVE
ME!

WHA---?
THE LION HAS
JUMPED RIGHT
THROUGH
THE BARS!



IF I CAN GET THE CRITTER
AFTER ME, THE PYRE DEVIL
MAY STAND A CHANCE
HAYRE I CAN MAKE IT
TO A TREE



AS THE ENRAGED BEAST LOOKS TO
WARD ITS NEW Foe A SHOT FLASHES BY

HERE HE COMES
WINN SOMEBODY'S
SHOT HIM!

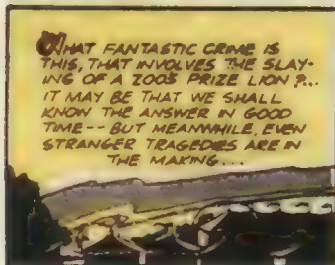
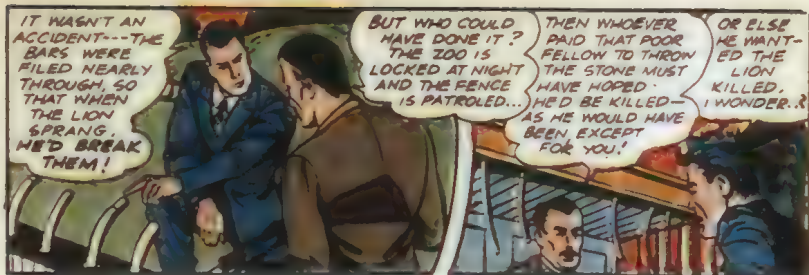


A MAN KICKS THE
LION A GOOD ONE
GOLDBE IT JUST WHEN HE
THINKS THE LION HE
KICKS HE
WORE DARK
GLASSES AND
A BEARD!

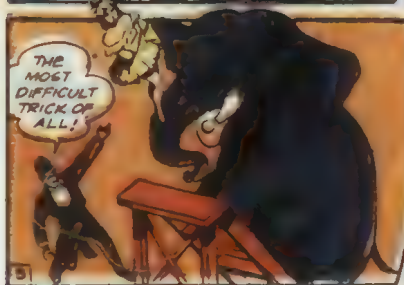
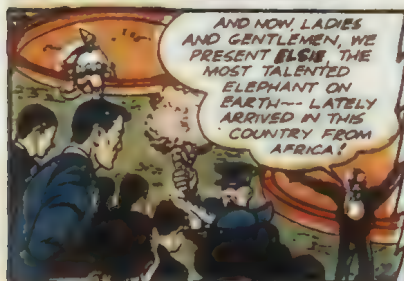
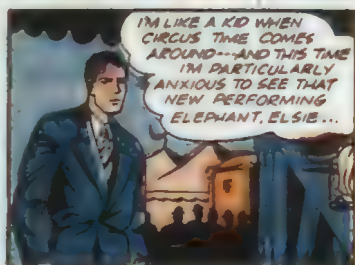
CLAUDE RANSALL! YOU
SHOWED UP JUST IN
TIME TO SAVE MY LIFE!

THAT WAS ONE
FINEST LION... A
WILD FELLOW I
BROUGHT BACK
FROM AFRICA RECENT
LY... TOO BAD!





THAT EVENING, THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH SPREADS ITS TENTS ACROSS THE CIRCUS GROUNDS...

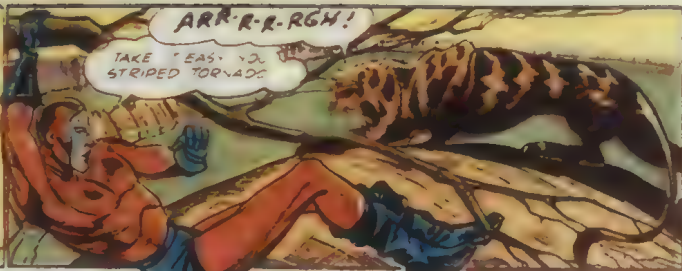




LATER IN HIS TROPHY-LADEN HOME SET IN THE MIDDLE OF A PRIVATE ZOOLOGICAL PARK KIRK BROODS OVER THE MYSTERY ---



MOMENTS
LATER
THE WILD
CREATURES
OF PAUL
KIRK'S
PRIVATE
ZOO
STIR
RESTIVELY
AS A SHAPE
MOVES
THROUGH
THE
SHADOWS
MANHUNTER!



ARR-R-R-RRH!

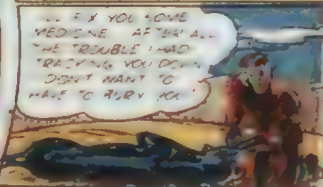
TAKE 'EASY, YOU
STRIPED TORNADO

ONLY THE RARE BLACK
PANTHER USUALLY
THE MOST FEROCIOUS
OF BEASTS... FAILS TO
SNARL AT
MANHUNTER'S
APPROACH!



BLACKIE YOU LOOK
PRETTY SICK... GIVE
TO THINK OF IT YOU'VE
BEEN ACTING STRANGELY
FOR DAYS!

SEMPLESSLY THE RARE FINEST
KILLS AND 'REMOVAL' ALSO
KILLED SPENDING A FEW VIBRANT
QUEST...



... IF YOU HAVE
MEDICINE AFTER ALL...
THE TROUBLE I HAD
TRACKING YOU DOWN
DON'T WANT TO
HAVE TO RUSH YOU

BUT
MANHUNTER
IS NOT
THE ONLY
PROWLER
ABROAD
THIS
NIGHT... FOR
AT THE
OTHER
SIDE
OF
THE
STOCKADE



IT'S MANHUNTER! WHAT
A TOUGH BREAK! BUT WE
GOT TO GO THROUGH
WITH WHAT I'VE
STARTED...

THE FOCUS TRACE OF A
HIGH POWERED WAVE...
A THIN STREAK OF SHADE
FLAME AND...



IT'S ONLY A FLESH
WOUND, FELLA!
I'LL ATTEND TO
IT AS SOON AS
I CATCH YOUR
SNIPER!



EEE-EEE-R-R-RRH!

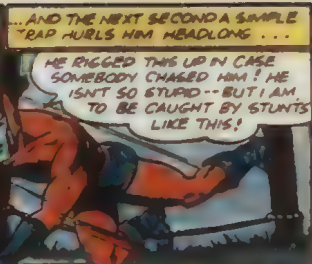
IT'S HERE!



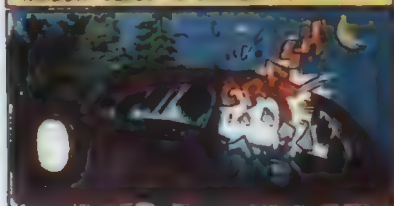
STOP! YOU'LL SHOT
YOURSELF THROUGH
FACING THE WOLF
NOW!

I DON'T
LIKE
MUSIC!

THE
SHARL
OF A
BULLET
FORCES
MANHUNTER
TO
SEEK
SHELTER...

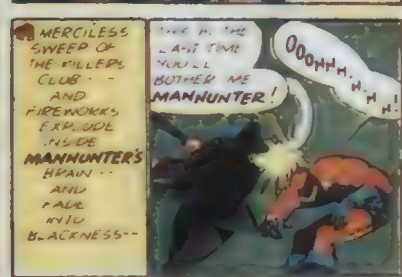
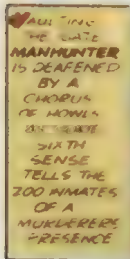
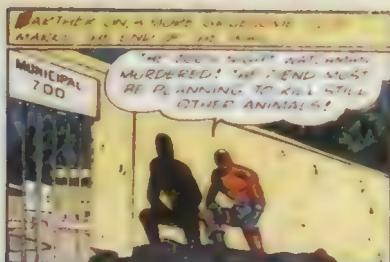
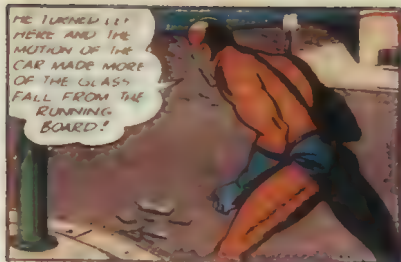


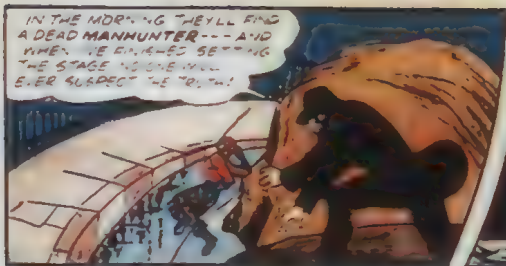
LEAPING INTO A WAITING CAR, THE
FUGITIVE SLAMS THE DOOR SO HARD THE
WINDOW GLASS IS BROKEN ...



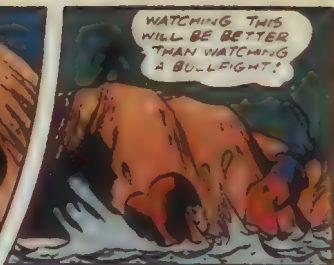
BUT
WHEN
MANHUNTER
RETURNS
TO THE
BLACK
PANTHER'S
LAIR, HE
FINDS
NOT A
WOUNDED
ANIMAL--
BUT A
DEAD
ONE!







IN THE MORNING THEY'LL FIND
A DEAD MANNHUNTER--- AND
WHEN HE FINISHED SETTING
THE STAGE NO ONE WILL
EVER SUSPECT THE "TRICK!"

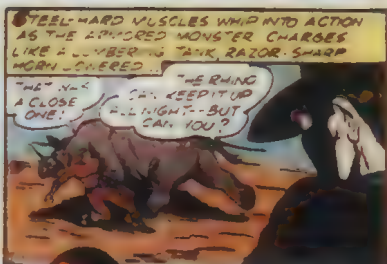


WATCHING THIS
WILL BE BETTER
THAN WATCHING
A BULLFIGHT!



RECEIVED
BY HIS
COLD
PLUNGE
THE
STUNNED
ADVENTURER
FLOUNDERS
UPRIGHT
TO
FACE...

A
RHINO!



STEEL-HARD MUSCLES WHIP INTO ACTION
AS THE ARMORED MONSTER CHARGES
LIKE A LUMBERING TANK, RAZOR-SHARP
HORN LUNGERED...

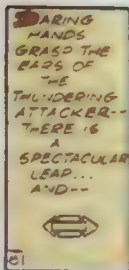
"HE'S NOT
A CLOSE
ONE!"

"THE RHINO
CAN KEEP IT UP
ALL NIGHT--BUT
CAN YOU?"



THAT'S IT--CATCH
HIM! HE ONLY
WEIGHS TWO
OR THREE
TONS!

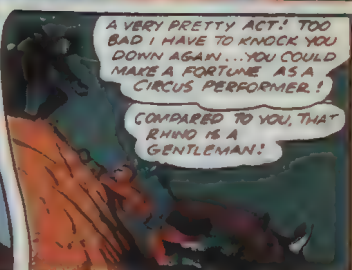
IT'S A SLIM
CHANCE--BUT IT'S
THE ONLY ONE--



DARING
HANDS
GRASP THE
EARS OF
THE
THUNDERING
ATTACKER--
THERE IS
A
SPECTACULAR
LEAP...
AND--



MADE IT!



A VERY PRETTY ACT! TOO
BAD I HAVE TO KNOCK YOU
DOWN AGAIN... YOU COULD
MAKE A FORTUNE AS A
CIRCUS PERFORMER!

COMPARED TO YOU, THAT
RHINO IS A
GENTLEMAN!

LIFE-AND-DEATH RACE BETWEEN A SWINGING CLUB AND A SWINGING BODY... AND THE END OF IT.

THIS LL FIX YOU--
MISSED! OOPS---
MUST'NT FALL!

IF YOU'D WATCHED
YOURSELF INSTEAD
OF WORRYING SO
MUCH ABOUT
SEEING ME
KILLED..

DOWN PLUNGES THE KILLER --- DOWN
LIKE A DOOMED BIRD OF PREY -- AND
AT THE END OF THE FALL...

SAVE ME!
AAAHNNN-H-H...

RIGHT ON THE HORN!
HELL BE KILLED--
IF HE ISN'T ALREADY!

COMET
OF
MERCY,
MAN-
HUNTER
HURTLES
TO
THE
RESCUE

COMING!

OH-H-H...

THAT RHINOS
TOUGH BUT
SLOW-NITTED.
THANK
GOODNESS!

KEEP A STIFF
UPPER LIP, RANSELL--
I'LL GET A DOCTOR!

IT'S TOO LATE...
I'M DONE FOR!...
BUT-- BUT HOW
DID YOU KNOW
WHO I WAS?

YOU HERE TRYING TO BUY
AFRICAN LAND NEAR WHERE
THE ANIMALS YOU KILLED
WERE KEPT BEFORE BEING
SHIPPED HERE... WHEN THAT
LEOPARD GOT SICK AND DIED
AND THE BODY GLOWED ---
I REALIZED HE HAD DIED
OF RADIUM POISONING!

AND I TRIED SO
HARD TO KEEP
IT A SECRET!

YOU DISCOVERED PITCHBLENDE ---
RADIUM ORE -- ON THAT LAND. YOU
REALIZED YOUR SECRET WOULD
BECOME KNOWN IF THE ANIMALS
DIED OF RADIUM POISONING -- AND
YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO
BUY THE LAND -- SO YOU
DECIDED TO KILL THEM
FIRST!

RIGHT! THE THOUGHT OF
MILLIONS DROVE ME MAD...
BUT NOW I'M SANE AGAIN...
AND I'M GLAD IT ENDED
THIS WAY... AAANNNN-H-HH...

SO ANOTHER MISGUIDED MAN,
WHOSE GREED MADE HIM A
HUMAN BEAST OF PREY, PAYS
THE SUPREME PENALTY FOR
HIS CRIMES. AND
MANHUNTER TRACKER
OF THE MOST DANGEROUS OF
ALL GAME IN THE JUNGLES
OF THE UNDERWORLD
IS FREE TO FOLLOW THE
TRAIL OF ADVENTURE
ONCE MORE IN THE NEXT ISSUE

OF
**ADVENTURE
COMICS!**

GLORIOUS TRUST

by Haven Hardy

SAVE for the steps of the night watch outside the old house, the town was as oppressively still as the heat, which, despite the going down of the sun many hours before, was as fierce as mid afternoon.

Behind the drawn blinds, the man in the room fidgeted uncomfortably, his attention arrested by the eye of the night watch. He had had no idea it was so late!

Before him stood a shimmering candle. On the floor around him, paper was littered. The implements of writing—a quill, ink, and sand horn—were on the table, grouped about the candle.

There was a thoughtful expression on the youngish man's face as he dabbed at his brow, from which the hair receded in a high line.

But why hide behind closed blinds? Why work in the thin light of a single candle when, for the asking, one might have an enormous candelabra filled with them?

These questions, too, the man at the writing table seemed to trifle with for a moment. He was wondering at the fate which had decreed such secrecy be necessary. After all, he was a young man, well known about town. Where the others of his friends, Adams, for example, was suspected and unpopular, he was very much otherwise.

A faint smile came over his face as he thought of this now. He was actually a criminal, if not in point of fact he soon would be so! He wondered what the folks back in Virginia would say if they could see him now, hiding behind the blinds of a Northern refuge.

He sighed, wearily. It wasn't so much the danger, he decided,

that enervated him: it was this constant secrecy. Today, he hadn't dared venture out into the streets, not because they were seeking him but because he was afraid, that in the happiness showing in his face, he would betray a great trust.

How eagerly, he thought now in retrospect, he had seized upon this glorious opportunity his friends had given him to use his pen. Not even the gravity of the situation had been enough to check the effervescence of his spirits when he had left them.

Only time had done that. Almost frightened he thought "Why, that was only a few days ago. I feel tonight as though I have lived a life-time."

The feeling had come over him as the sun dipped its red head beneath a blue coverlet. His mind seemed clearer after that, but still he was unable to marshal the thoughts that were crowding his brain.

His thin lips were two narrow lines and twin furrows appeared on his aristocratic brow. Once again, he picked up the quill and made notes on his writing pad. He didn't want to forget some of these thoughts. Nor the indignities that had brought them on.

"I don't like this," he muttered. "A man shouldn't have to hide, not an honest man at any rate. He is entitled to live a life of harmony and happiness, to do what he so wishes in the boundaries of the law."

He shook his head then, and smiled. That sort of thinking wouldn't help. Not right now. That was personal thinking, his own way of thinking, and he mustn't let it be paramount, so

that people reading it would mention his name, recognizing his writing.

No, he thought proudly, that I don't appreciate the honor my readers have paid me. There was that little pamphlet, for example. It had brought him fame, and a place in the council hall of men. Even abroad it had been perused, and word had come back of its fine reception.

But a real author does not live on past glories. To be alive his work must show an understanding of life, and human nature, and point to progress.

For just a moment now, the pen touched the table itself.

Progress! The word was a mockery. Just look what had happened to justice. The true administration of this high estate was a mockery. Judges were dependent on the will of one man, alone, for salaries and tenure of office. How then could an honest citizen expect to get a fair trial.

And taxes! Already each man was burdened with more than he could bear. Yet word was seeping through that further imports would be levied. Why work for the daily bread when it would only be taken away from you?

The figure in the maple chair tensed and anger flashed from his eyes. Perhaps not for a long time would it happen, but some day the people would rule the world. There would be no dictators, no single men vested with all power. The people would be the power then: the right to choose the kind of world in which they would live, love, work, and laugh.

Ah, laughter. The steely eyes softened. It had been many a

day now since there had been smiles on the faces of the populace. When one's neck is in the shadow of the noose, or one's body may soon be stretched lifeless before the guns of a squad, there is little time for mirth.

A sudden smile on the face of the man at the desk chased away the tear in his eyes. What was it Ben had said? "Gentlemen, we must all hang together, or we shall hang separately." He must remember that, ask him to repeat it. Ben had a lot of good, old-fashioned wisdom for a man who had never had the benefit of higher schooling.

The man smote his hand in his palm, then once again drew the handkerchief across his forehead. It was funny he hadn't thought of Ben before. He really should be writing at the desk, he thought humbly. Ben could really say things in a very few words. He had the wisdom of years behind him, too. Not many men could have risen from a hungry boy in the streets to so powerful an eminence.

As he thought of this, the man pursed his lips. No, he was wrong about that. And he knew Ben would be the first to point it out. "A man is born in this world with an equal chance," Ben would say, "The rest is up to himself."

Yes, an equal chance. That's all anyone needed. It wasn't necessary in this land to be born rich to enjoy the patronage of life. It should not be necessary, egad! It would not be necessary! Not so long as this pen could write. Man should be born free and remain so for the end of his days. It was his inalienable right.

He leaned back now in the chair and closed his eyes, savoring the thought.

Once again, quiet pressed through the windows. Outside, there was no sound.

In the room was only the ticking of the tall-bodied clock and the light breathing of the man who held the quill so firmly in his hands.

So quiet . . . so quiet . . . so quiet . . . tick-tock . . . tick-tock . . . so quiet . . . so quiet . . . so quiet . . .

And yet it was not quiet. The man's ears seemed to penetrate far beyond the confines of the room, of the town and they caught the stirrings of unrest that were abroad.

In a little country tavern, behind locked doors a group of stern-faced men were talking. They were farmers, plain and earthy as their lands. They had families, wives and children. It was of them and their future they were talking.

Not only in one tavern, but in many was this scene repeated.

And in the day that followed the night, the talk would continue. There was but one subject for discussion these days. Never had a populace been so in accord on something.



Behind every kitchen door there was a musket to back up the argument if necessary. And when fields were to be plowed, the musket would be close at hand. The nation was ready. It was like a slow burning piece of oak that needed but the blaze to fan it into a conflagration that could not be checked.

It was almost time to bring that fire to light, the man in the room thought. His mind was tortured with the task to which he had set his hand; for now, these past few hours, he had come to realize what a great mission had been given him to execute.

Perhaps it would have been better had a wiser head than his been chosen. For only an instant did this thought vex him. Then he remembered how, at the last time he had seen Adams, John had declined to propose the draft.

"You should do it," John had said.

Surprise had overwhelmed him. "Oh, no."

Then he had asked, "Why will you not do it, John?"

"Reasons enough."

He remembered it vividly now. How clearly John had stated the case and when it was over, he had agreed with his friend, who shook his hand warmly.

What was it he had promised John? "I will do as well as I can."

And John had said: "Very well. When you have drawn it up, we will have a meeting."

Now they were waiting for him, depending on him. He must not violate that faith! Nor the trust of others that were to come.

There was no smile now as he put the quill to writing tablet. He was thinking, clearly and concisely, and the thoughts were marching in his mind like soldiers on dress parade, and he the commander.

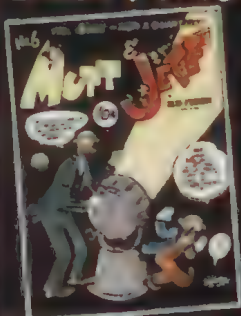
Rapidly, he wrote: "When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political band which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. . . ."



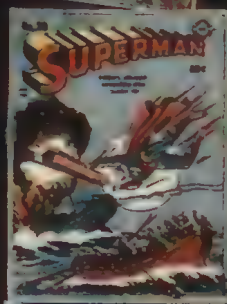
Head bent to the task, the man at the writing desk pushed the quill across the paper. He would not stop now until the job was done, until, into the hands of the committee this document was placed; for this was the Declaration of Independence of the new United States of America, and he, Thomas Jefferson, was the repository of a glorious trust!

**THE
END**

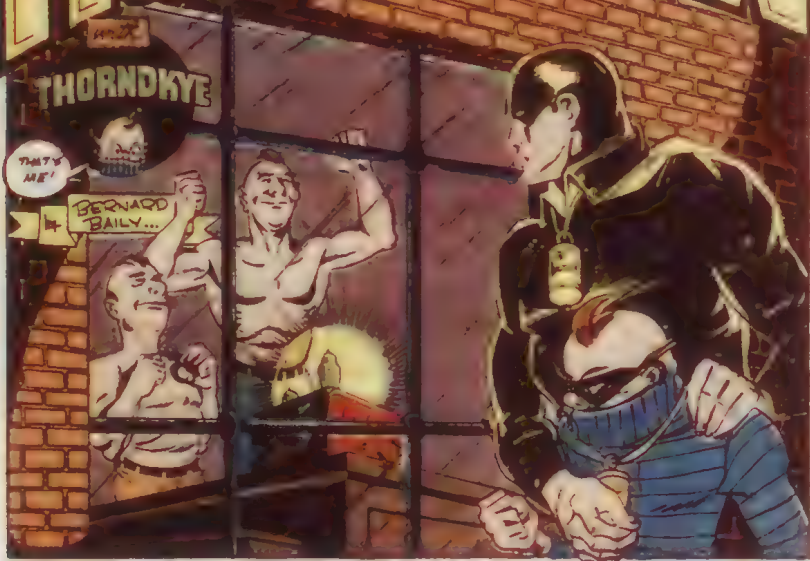
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NOW ON SALE EVERYWHERE!



HOURMAN

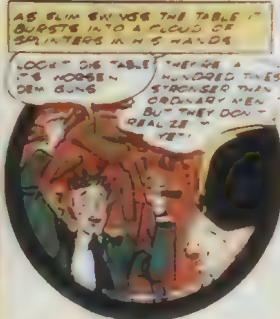
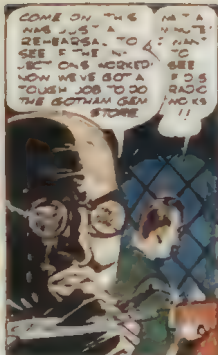
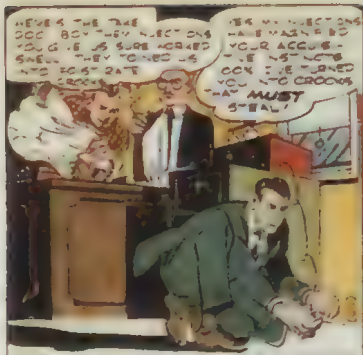


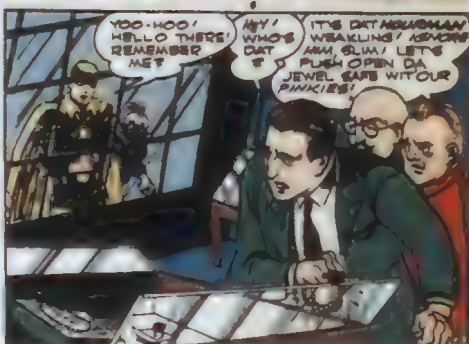
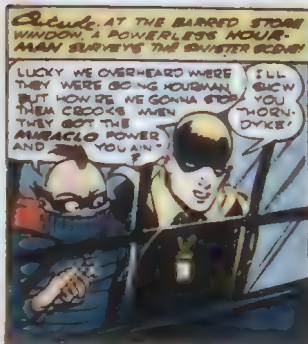
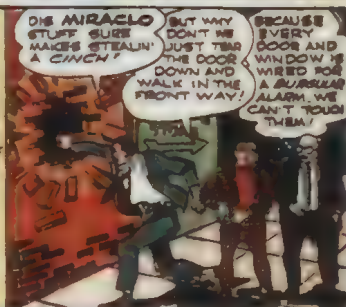
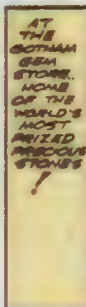
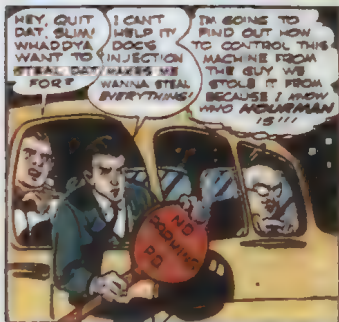
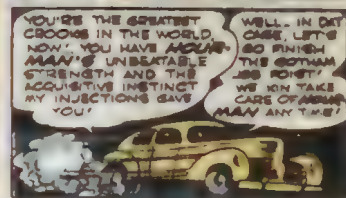
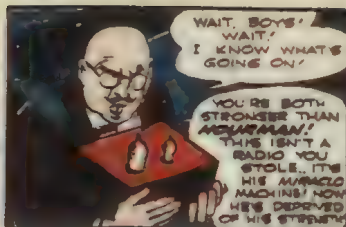
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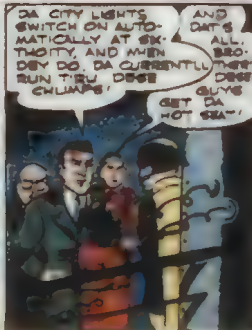
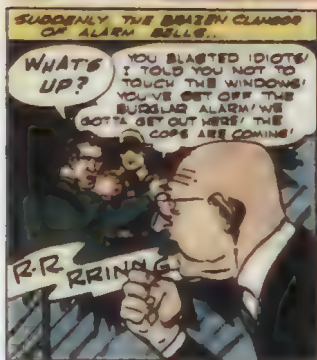
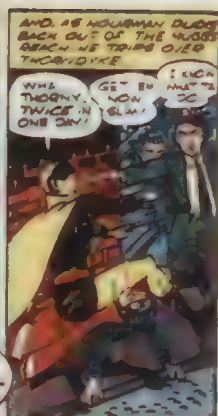
Let's
afternoon
AND NO
REX
TYLERS
LAB
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HORN-
DYKE
FRODOOT
REGENER
OF
MIRACLO











POUNDER WITH ALL THE MIRACU-
LOUS STRENGTH OF MIRACLO, A
VICIOUS BLOW CUTS YOU SHORT

SNAPPY! WE'RE THE
STRONG GUYS! OH!
YOU DON'T
GIVE US HARD
CORES

9

COME ON
STUMPY! I
GOT DA MACHINE
WE'LL GO PUR
CHAS EMBROID
ERY DEPARTMENT
STORES

JEEPERS!
WHAT A
PUNCH
OUT
MIRACLO
HAVE YOU
A RECOVER

H-HOURMAN...I KNOW
Y-YOU'RE Q. REX
TYLER. I'M O ONLY
WHO Q REMEMBERS
WHICH APARTMENT WE
STOLE THE MACHINE
FROM.

AND AM THE SEVERAL HAND TWISTS
SWIFTLY TURNING IN CIRCLES .. AND
DETERMINING ..

I AM FINISHED NOW.
S. SECRET DIS WITH
ME! W. WANT YOU TO
G' GET THOSE TH...
..THUGS WHO DOUBLE-
CROSSED M-ME....
... I'LL -H-HELP.
...Y. YOU...

THE DYING MONSTER ENDS THE WIRES
FROM THE DYNAMO.

SIX
THIRTY

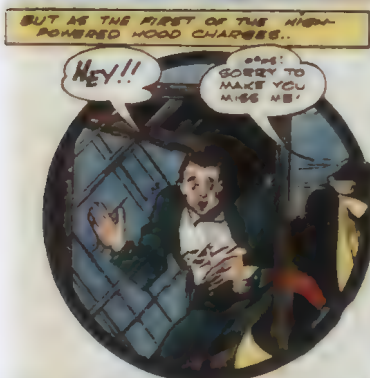
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SO LONG,
HOUR
MAN!

6:30

The
DOCTOR
ON HIS
SCREAMS
BRING
ATTEND
AND
QUINNING
FROM
OTHER
PARTS
OF
THE
BUILDING
!

I WISH YOU'D
TELL US WHAT'S
GOING ON AROUND
HERE. MOUSEMAN

THANKS FOR THE
HAND, BOYS...
SORRY, I CAN'T
STOP TO TELL
YOU ANYTHING NOW
WE'VE GOT A JOB TO
DO FIRST.



LIKE TERRIBLE TITANS, THREE FIGURES
LOCK IN EARTH-SHATTERING COMBAT!!



BUT AS THE PILLAR
CRACKS AND THE VAST
STORE ROOF THREATENS
TO CRASH IN AWFUL
DESTRUCTION...



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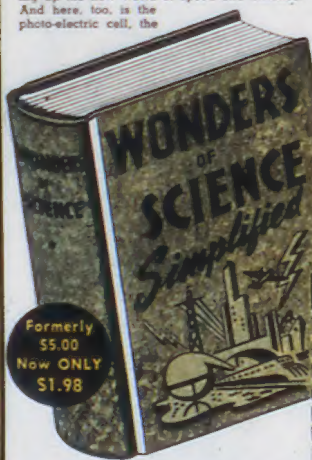
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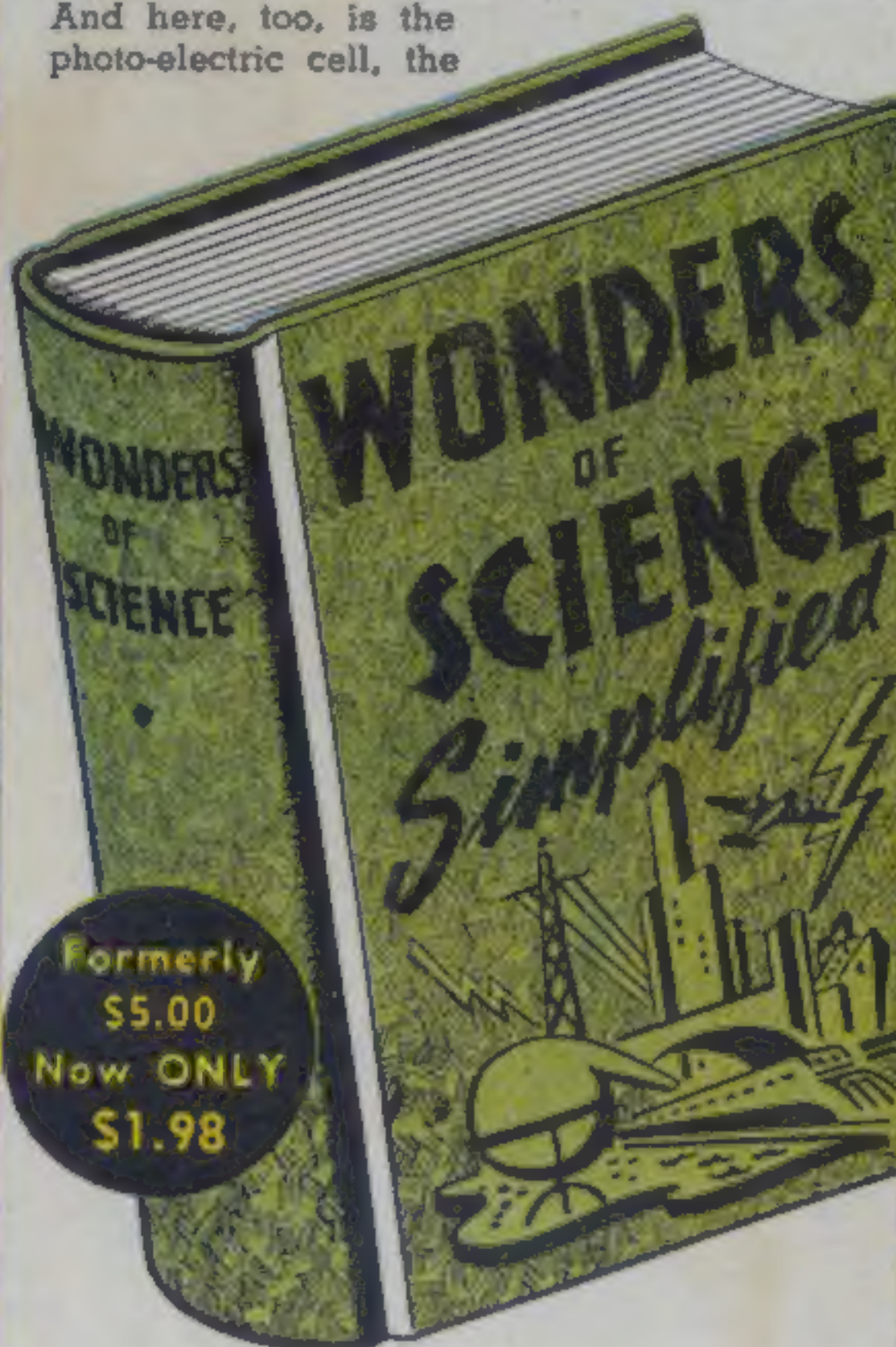
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